

Letters

We received the following letter from Cedip in Italy, which we reprint to call it to the attention of others who might want to cooperate in exchanging materials for their projects:

Dear friends,

As a new year approaches, we at Cedip find this an opportune time to reaffirm our continued work and update you on our present and future projects. There are now three studies underway: a study of the militarization of Sicily, a study on the 'why' of terrorism, and how this question is related to Western European government's Middle East policies. The third project is an historical analysis of 20 years of Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Any materials you have that can further the development of any of these projects would indeed be appreciated.

As Cedip's work continues to take on new dimensions, our appreciation grows for those who have and continue to support us by providing us with helpful and new resources. We'd like to encourage you to continue to do so, as *Democratic Palestine* is now a valuable part of our archives, documentation and research. Again, thank you for your contributions, and keep up the good work.

In Peace,

The Cedip staff

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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

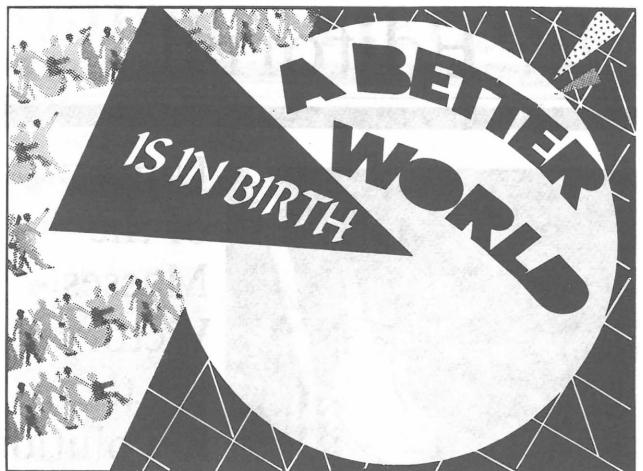
We would also like to say thanks to the Workers World Party in the USA, to the Left Socialist Party in Denmark, the Pacific-Asia Resource Center (PARC—AMPO) in Japan, and all others who sent us New Year's greetings.

The English edition of the Political Report of the PFLP's Fourth Congress, held in the spring of 1981, is now published and ready for distribution. It evaluates the political events from 1973 until 1980, and the development of the PFLP during this period.

The report begins with a general evaluation of the international situation and its main components - imperialism's crisis, the successes of the world socialist system and the victories of the national liberation movements. It also addresses specific subjects such as the PFLP's evaluation of China's foreign policy, Eurocommunism and the peaceful coexistence policy.

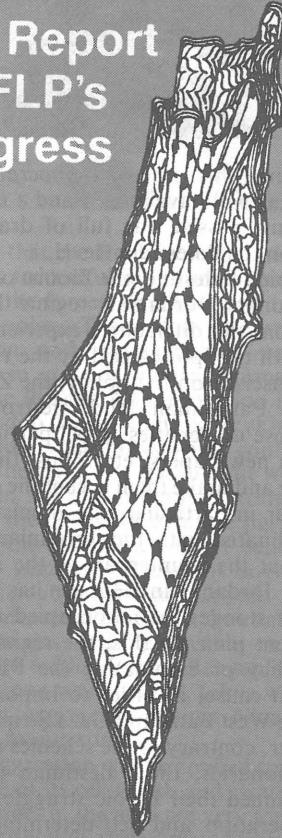
On the Arab level, the focus is on analyzing the background and ramifications of the stage of Camp David, and detailing the means for confronting the imperialist-Zionist-reactionary alliance thus forged. Another section deals with the Palestinian situation, especially the Zionist and imperialist plans for liquidating the Palestinian liberation struggle in Lebanon and occupied Palestine. There is an overall evaluation of the course pursued by the Palestinian revolution and the lessons that can be derived from this, such as the necessity of creating a supportive operational base in Jordan, and the struggle against the efforts to impose an imperialist political settlement in the Middle East.

On this backdrop, specific chapters review the PFLP's political positions in relation to the developments of the period. Shortcomings and wrong tactics are criticized, and guidelines charted for future struggle. One chapter is exclusively devoted to evaluating the progress made in the PFLP's transformation to a Marxist-Leninist party, while another deals with the military struggle.



from Workers World Party

Political Report of the PFLP's 4th Congress



If you would like to receive the Political Report, write to Democratic Palestine, Box 12144, Damascus, Syria. The price for one copy is \$12 US. If you order five copies or more, you will receive each at the price of \$10. Payment should be deposited in the following bank account: 434027/840, Bank of Beirut and the Arab Countries, Shtoura, Lebanon.

When requesting copies of the Political Report, please note in your letter the date on which you have made the payment. We will send you the Political Report upon receiving both your letter and payment.